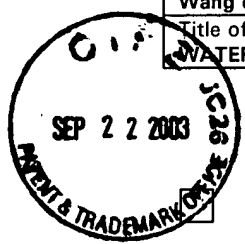


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Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity		or	Other Than Small Entity	
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